

## Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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National Indian Gaming Commission 1441 L Street Washington, DC 20035

Dear Chairman Hogan and Commissioner Choney:

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Gaming Commission sent representatives to attend the Game Classification Standards Advisory Committee Proposed Technical Standards presented in Arlington Virginia, January 25, 2007.

Our Gaming Commission has since briefed us on the meeting and reported fairly positively on the Proposed Technical Standards. In particular, the Proposed Technical Standards will allow for the continued fiscal support afforded to our Tribe through the success of Class II gaming machines in our Mohawk Bingo Palace.

The financial transfers from our Mohawk Bingo Palace continue to be a substantial source of revenue for our Tribe. It represents approximately 1/3 of the revenue generated in support of the delivery of essential governmental services and programs to our Tribal membership. Through this funding, we are able to supplement the delivery of health care, human services, and law enforcement to our Tribal members. Without a profitable Class II game, we are gravely concerned with our ability to continue funding these essential services at their current level.

Accordingly, we trust the National Indian Gaming Commission will seriously consider the merits of a viable Class II gaming machine and contemplate the points brought forth by the Game Classification Standards Advisory Committee on January 25, 2007.

We look to the National Indian Gaming Commission for help in maintaining a profitable Class II gaming machine so we may in turn provide help to the members of our Tribe most in need of it.

Sincerely,

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